

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8, 10, and 15-18, as amended, remain herein. Claims 1- 4, 6, 7, 9, and 11-14 have been canceled. New claims 15-18 have been added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 4, 5, 7-9, 10 and 13 contain allowable subject matter. New claim 15 contains the subject matter of former claim 1 and allowable claim 4. New claim 16 contains the subject matter of former claims 1, 2, and 6 and allowable claim 7. New claim 17 contains the subject matter of claims 1, 3 and 9. New claim 18 contains the subject matter of former claim 1 and allowable claim 13. Allowable claim 5 is now dependent upon new allowable claim 15, and allowable claims 8 and 10 are now dependent upon new allowable claim 17. Thus, all claims 5, 8, 10 and 15-18 are fully in condition for allowance.

Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in original claims 1-7, 9 and 13, and in Fig. 1 and the accompanying description in the specification at p. 19, line 26—p. 20, line 19. This Amendment is believed to place this application fully in condition for allowance, and surely in better condition for any appeal. Thus, entry of this Amendment and allowance of all claims 5, 8, 10, and 15-18 are respectfully requested.

1. Fig. 8 has been amended, mooting the objection thereto.
2. Claims 1, 3 and 11 have been canceled, mooting the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

3. Claims 2, 6 and 12 have been canceled, mooted the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over AAPA and Miyashita U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0067677.

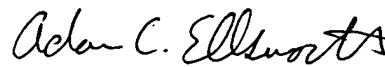
4. Claim 14 has been canceled, mooted the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over AAPA and Rakib U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0156603.

Accordingly, all claims 5, 8, 10, and 15-18 are now fully in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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